

Reader's Guide

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM). The monument was established by Presidential Proclamation on January 11, 2000. The proclamation directed the Secretary of the Interior to manage the monument through the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the BLM therefore initiated the development of a management plan for the conservation and protection of the lands contained within the monument. The best management practices of consultation, communication, and cooperation have been used throughout the planning process.

This document describes and analyzes a range of alternatives for managing the CCNM rocks, islands, pinnacles, and exposed reefs off the coast of California. A preferred alternative is identified, and a description of the No Action Alternative (i.e., a continuation of current management) is included. In addition to printed copies, this Draft RMP/Draft EIS may also be accessed via internet at the web address listed below.

Substantive comments received from the public, including names and addresses, will be incorporated into the Final EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Please mail your written comments to: California Coastal National Monument, 299 Foam Street, Monterey, CA 93940. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to cacnm@ca.blm.gov or by fax to 831/647-4244. All comments must be received by the end of the 90-day public review period. The ending date of the public comment period is identified in the insert letter from the CCNM Manager and is published on http://www.ca.blm.gov/pa/coastal_monument. Your interest in planning of the public lands within the CCNM is appreciated.

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The California Coastal National Monument (CCNM) Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes an executive summary, eight chapters, maps, and appendices.

The **Executive Summary** is a synopsis of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS. The respective alternatives are compared, and the effects of the alternatives on the resources, processes, and users are summarized here.

Chapter 1 (Introduction) contains introductory material for the Draft RMP/Draft EIS. It describes the purpose and need for the plan; defines the planning area; reviews the issues identified and addressed through the scoping and planning processes; outlines the planning criteria and the planning process; describes the overall mission, vision, and management approach for the monument; and identifies the plan goals and objectives.

Chapter 2 (Alternatives) describes the alternative management strategies under consideration. It includes a description of the management approaches common to all alternatives, a description of each of the four alternatives (which include the No Action Alternative), and identifies management approaches that were considered but not analyzed in detail.

Chapter 3 (Affected Environment) describes the current environment that would be affected by implementing any of the alternatives, as well as the existing management of those resources. It includes a description of the environmental processes, resources, and major uses related to the issues. Tables are found throughout the chapter.

Chapter 4 (Environmental Consequences) describes potential effects and changes to the monument lands (and adjacent lands) with the implementation of each of the alternatives.

Chapter 5 (Consultation and Coordination) includes a summary of public involvement and lists of agencies and organizations receiving this document.

Chapter 6 (List of Preparers) identifies the individuals involved in preparing the Draft RMP/EIS.

Chapter 7 (References) lists the printed material and individuals cited in this document.

Chapter 8 (Glossary and Index) aids the reader in understanding and locating the information in this document.

The **Appendices** and **Map Atlas** augment the information in this document with additional technical information and illustrations.

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